

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (New) A switch arrangement for an automotive interior mirror module comprising:

a mirror housing of an automotive interior mirror module;

at least one sensor disposed in said mirror housing; and

an evaluation electronics unit disposed in said mirror housing and operably associated with said at least one sensor, wherein said evaluation electronics unit initiates at least one switching process based on the approach of a non metallic object toward said at least one sensor.

Claim 12. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein the evaluation electronics unit generates a turn-on signal from a first approach and generates a turn-off signal from a second approach.

Claim 13. (New) The switching device of claim 12 further comprising a reading lamp integrated in said housing is turned on and off by the turn-on and turn-off signals.

Claim 14. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein the automotive interior mirror module has a mirror base.

Claim 15. (New) The switching device of claim 14 wherein the evaluation electronic unit is located in said mirror base.

Claim 16. (New) The switching device of claim 15 wherein said evaluation electronic unit is an external evaluation electronics unit located externally from said mirror housing or said mirror base.

Claim 17. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein said evaluation electronics unit is located in said housing.

Claim 18. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein said at least one sensor is a sensor array.

Claim 19. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein the sensor is provided with a preferred directivity.

Claim 20. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein said at least one sensor is provided with a sensitivity adjustment that is used to set the length of the desired approach distance.

Claim 21. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein said evaluation electronics unit initiates said at least one switching process based on the force-free touch of a non metallic object as a switching element.

Claim 22. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein said at least one sensor is located in the lower corner region of said housing facing a driver.

Claim 23. (New) The switching device of claim 11 wherein the sensitive area of the sensor is at least ten times the size of a conventional mechanical push button.